

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:439
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2014
IMPLEMENTATION OF CROP INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to use modern technology like General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) and mobile phones etc. for effective implementation of the crop insurance schemes in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to revise the premium rates for Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) for bringing reform in the crop insurance schemes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government also proposes comprehensive programme for capacity building under the crop insurance schemes and if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of the various crop insurance schemes among the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 439 DUE FOR REPLY ON 23RD DECEMBER, 2014.

(a): National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) provides for taking up pilot studies to explore the possibility of using modern technologies like Remote Sensing Technology (RST)/Satellite Imageries to supplement yield assessment through Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs). Accordingly, Government has initiated a pilot study for use of modern technologies involving RST, Global Positioning System (GPS), smartphones, etc. for effective implementation of the crop insurance schemes in the country. The pilot study is being done in 14 districts (2 districts each in 7 States) during Kharif 2014.

(b): While bringing improvement in crop insurance schemes is a continuous process, there is no proposal at present to reduce the premium rates under Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS).

(c): NCIP provides for capacity building of officials/farmers' groups through specialized trainings, workshops, publicity/awareness, etc. The Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad, Agricultural Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC), etc. conduct periodical workshops/sensitization programmes on crop insurance. State Governments and insurance companies also publicise crop insurance through advertisements, conferences, kisan gosthis, fairs, etc.